

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 609

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to recognize Jonathan Tayler Payne on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout and Jonathan Tayler Payne, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, the son of David and Debbie Payne and brother of Thomas Payne, Tayler is now the sixth Eagle Scout in his family; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scout Troop 88 includes membership in the prestigious Order of the Arrow; and

WHEREAS, Tayler's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; he built two flower beds for the first grade wing of Mary Blount Elementary School in a commendable effort to beautify the community; and

WHEREAS, he is a student at Heritage High School, where he demonstrates considerable ability as an example to his peers as an Honor Roll student; and

WHEREAS, Tayler's unflagging dedication to excellence has led him to maintain perfect attendance throughout nine years of school and to miss only two days over the past eleven years; and

WHEREAS, he evinces his devout religious faith as an active member of Madison Avenue Baptist Church, where he is involved in the Youth Department and participated in the 2007 Men's Ministry Brazil Team; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Tayler as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Jonathan Tayler Payne on becoming an Eagle Scout, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.